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A copy of the listed document, along with an English-language abstract, is attached. The PCT application was previously mentioned in the earlier IDS filed October 10, 2000, and a copy of the published PCT application is now being submitted.

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